



*City of Sarnia*

***MEDIA RELEASE***

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Held a Special Meeting with Watson & Associates regarding a development charges study.

Reported out of the closed meetings. Sarnia City Council met in closed session:

- On January 28, 2019 to discuss the Chief Administrative Officer Recruitment Process. No votes were taken other than to give direction to staff.
- For training/educational purposes on February 4, 2019 to receive Harassment and Respectful Workplace training.
- On February 6, 2019 to discuss the Chief Administrative Officer Recruitment Process and to receive an update on a Senior Staff Position Vacancy. No votes were taken other than to give direction to staff.
- On February 7 and February 8, 2019 to conduct interviews for the Chief Administrative Officer Position. No votes were taken.
- On February 11, 2019 to give consideration to a citizen appointment to the Committee of Adjustment. No votes were taken other than to give direction to staff to advise the successful candidate and make the appointment public at the next regular meeting.
- On February 11, 2019 to discuss the Chief Administrative Officer Recruitment Process. No votes were taken other than to give direction to staff.

Heard the following delegations:

- Janice McMichael-Dennis, President and CEO, Bluewater Power, regarding a Shareholder Update;
- Hal Regnier regarding cycling on sidewalks;
- Bonnie Gobits regarding Transit Tax Appeal;
- Sarnia Sting Hockey Club regarding the license agreement; and
- Erica Gough regarding the Michigan Ave. Bike Lanes Project.

Heard a delegation from Shamel Hosni and Blair Graham from the Sarnia Tennis Club, and directed staff to enter into negotiation with Province of Ontario for the transfer of land the Sarnia Tennis Club is located on, (behind the Sarnia Jail) from the Province to the City of Sarnia.

Approved the following Traffic and Parking By-Law amendments:

- Include a Commercial Loading Zone on Derby Lane from 14 m West of Christina Street to 27 m West of Christina Street;
- Two Hour Parking Limit Derby Lane 27 m West of Christina Street to 14 m East of Front Street (adjacent to Brush Strokes Interior); and
- Remove 'No Parking Anytime' on the north side of Phillip Street from Stockwell Street to the east end of the block.

Accepted the proposal by Trackless Vehicles in the amount of \$103,668 (including non-rebateable HST), for the factory to refurbish our oldest MT5 sidewalk unit (used for sidewalk maintenance).

Committed \$900,000 of 2020 Capital Funding to expedite acquisition process for an Aerial Platform Fire Apparatus.

- This commitment allows for a Request for Proposal and order placement in 2019 due to the 12 to 18 month timeline required to manufacture and deliver the apparatus.
- The aerial platform is a critical apparatus commonly used to provide firefighter access during elevated operations such as roof ventilation and rescue/removal of occupants.

Authorized the cash outlay (expenses) associated with hosting the Sarnia-Lambton Tall Ships Celebration 2019 within the established budget, and approved that net revenue from the event will be retained in the Waterfront Development Reserve Account to assist with future endeavors that will market the waterfront as a major attraction.

- The organizing committee has identified an expenditure budget of \$500,000, however the expectation is that the event will be presented with no net cost to the City.

Directed staff to proceed with the implementation of bike lanes on Michigan Avenue from Christina Street to Colborne Road and maintain a portion of on

street parking along the north side of Michigan Avenue between Christina Street and Newell Street.

Approved the single sourcing of D.M. Wills Associates Limited for the engineering services required for the final design, tendering assistance and contract administration of the Phase 1 upgrades of the Biosolids Treatment Plant;

- Committed \$99,012 (including non-rebateable HST);
- The Biosolids Treatment Plant is located within Sarnia's Water Pollution Control Centre;
- Phase 1 upgrades involve replacement of cement kiln dust mixer and storage silos and associated conveyors located at the.

Gave notice of intention to amend By-law 9791 (which designates the Canatara Log Cabin Complex, as being of Historic, Architectural Value or Interest), to facilitate the restoration and/or replication of the log cabin, with the intent of salvaging and maintaining as much original material as is possible, to maintain the heritage value and interest of the property.

- The amendment would not remove the designation from the property; it is only to permit the work to be done on the log cabin and update the by-law to reflect the changes that were made to the property.

Approved the following budget changes:

- Change to the travel allowance from the current \$60 per diem to \$85 per diem commencing January 1, 2019; and
- Councillors receive \$2,000 in the first year for purchase and maintenance of computer equipment and every year thereafter to receive \$500 to maintain the equipment (i.e. cost of internet provider, etc.) retroactive to January 1, 2019.

Resolved that members of Council will seek approval of Council (by resolution) to ask City staff for any reports that would be considered onerous, up to and including April 1, 2019, in light of the strain on our senior staff complement.

Approved any compensation related matter for Council members be referred to a committee of private citizens (to be established) for recommendations to be submitted to Council for their consideration.

Directed staff to undertake a review, and report back to council within 120 days, of any potential benefits that may be gained by taking Donald Shoup's approach to parking.

- This report is to include timelines and upfront costs for equipment and software design, and an overall parking impact for the downtown including street parking, municipal lots and private lots.

Did not approve the creation of a new reserve fund as part of the 2020 budget for downtown Sarnia that will be funded by parking revenue from downtown municipal lots and parking fines within the downtown district.

Directed staff to provide the position description for each of the senior management positions in the City of Sarnia.

Directed staff to provide a report regarding the Drainage Act and the Ferris Subdivision. No further action will be taken until it comes back to Council.

Referred the removal of workplace sanctions previously imposed against Mayor Mike Bradley to outside legal counsel and requested a staff report with input from the Joint Health and Safety Committee.

Referred Audit Options for Centennial Park Projects to the next regular Council meeting.

Referred a Council electronic voting and request to speak system to 2020 budget deliberations.

Referred the results of the electronic voting survey to the election committee to be formed after March 29, 2019.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4.

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